

Extracts.

and by that society to conduct its "concerts," and all the élite of London crowded into the piano-square-rooms to hear and bestir themselves at the most marvellous improvisations on the piano are remembered to this day as events of importance in the history of music in England. Mendelssohn may be said to have invented a new school for his kind; he made it plain that of Beethoven, unlike that of Weber, requires unlike Thalberg, whose compositions he nevertheless warmly admired; the "Lieder ohne Worte" turned to piano pieces, and his fine melody, so delicate in piano motion, and so joyous or capricious or hasty or solemn. How many reveries, five minutes long live and die and are clean forgotten; yet they too would have found expression in plain, unadorned forms, as we can obtain plain, as unrealized moments in the eternal silence. Mendelssohn was, as it were, embalmed a few of such precious wafers and strings of time in sound; and he has been the teacher of a new generation, who have given up all work; but, as it were, the "Elisjah" rehearsal at Exeter-hall, in 1847, destroyed him. He died at Leipzig in September of that year. His influence on music has been second to none. It has taught our professional musicians that their art is more than a trade, and that "masters" do not mean in recording, in the pastime. The great improvement in the social status of professional musicians in England is largely due to the fact that Mendelssohn, who lived and laboured so much among other people, had a noble feeling, a nobility, but a perfect gentleman. It is difficult either to estimate or to over-estimate the influence of Mr. John Tulloh on musical and musical taste in England since 1840. To 1840, however, in recording, as many persons seem now to forget the service he has rendered. In 1840, under the sanction of the Committee of Council on Education, Mr. Tulloh brought in a bill for the purpose of creating, in each of the ten provinces, singing schools, soon sprung up throughout the country. Exeter-hall was the scene of the first great Holiah Concerts, and in 1841 St. Martin's Lane, where Tulloh performed every evening, there was no performance, many for the first time. He brought out a large number of the best living artists—such as Mrs. C. M. Smith, Misses J. and F. Thomas, Cummings), and many of our best instrumentalists came to study under him. He also inaugurated the class-teaching in schools under his charge, and a large number of the present stars of the stage and concert hall have shown special talent for music here in different parts of the country, and real centres of civilization. Mr. Tulloh is the author of several opera which were produced with success in their day; he has also written songs and part-songs, besides numerous exercises and vocal studies of all kinds for the instruction of pupils. His name is important to British music, where the name of the Rev. John Curwen, who within the last few years has introduced the Tonic Solfa system into this country. The adoption of his system, and later, the more pronounced total difference between the Holiah and the Solfa methods turns on this one important fact that *Do* is a fixed sound in Tulloh's system, but *Do* stands for the key-note of whatever key the student performs. That Mr. Curwen's method is based on the principle of key relationship, which regards tones not as high or low but as grouped about the governing keynote, is true, and rapid adoption of the system in urban districts, and the rural districts would tend to indicate that it is especially well adapted for teaching the more ignorant masses the elements of music. But upon this subject we cannot enter fully, as the opinion amongst good musicians. However, the Committee of Council on Education announced in 1859 their resolution to accept "the Tonic Solfa method, and the Tonic Solfa notation of it, on the understanding that the same method be applicable to the ordinary method and notation." In connection with the progress of singing in England, it must be noted for the interest of the reader, that the English Church has produced out of English voices and English enthusiasm a choir so perfect that we may doubt whether anywhere in the world there exists, or ever has existed, such a body of trained voices, both male and female.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company
464 Hongkong, 7th March, 1885.

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4778 Hongkong, 20th August, 1869.

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4732 Hongkong, 9th November, 1869.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
47 Hongkong, 24th November, 1869.

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Above 6 months the full annual rate.
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